

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

### **LISTING OF CLAIMS**

1-16. (Cancelled).

17. (Currently Amended) A vibrating piece comprising:

a base; and

a vibration arm section formed so as to protrude from the base, a grooved portion being formed in at least one of an obverse surface and a rear surface of said vibration arm section;

wherein a cut section is formed in said base, and

an electrode section is formed in a part of said grooved portion so that a crystal impedance value ratio of said vibrating piece becomes 1.0 or more.

18. (Cancelled).

19. (Currently Amended) A vibrating piece according to Claim 17,

wherein a longitudinal length of the electrode section formed in said part of said grooved portion of said vibration arm section is approximately 45% to approximately 55% of a length of said vibration arm section.

20. (Previously Added) A vibrating piece according to Claim 17, wherein said electrode section further comprises an excitation electrode.

21. (Previously Added) A vibrating piece according to Claim 17, wherein:  
a fixation area for fixing the vibrating piece is provided in said base; and  
said cut section is provided in the base between the fixation area and said  
vibration arm section.

22. (Previously Added) A vibrating piece according to Claim 17, wherein said  
vibrating piece further comprises a tuning-fork vibrating piece formed by a crystal which  
oscillates at approximately 30 kHz to approximately 40 kHz.

23. (Currently Amended) A vibrator having a vibrating piece housed in a  
package, said vibrating piece comprising:  
a base; and  
a vibration arm section formed so as to protrude from the base, a grooved  
portion being formed in at least one of an obverse surface and a rear surface of said  
vibration arm section;  
wherein a cut section is formed in said base; and  
an electrode section is formed in a part of said grooved portion so that a  
crystal impedance value ratio of said vibrating piece becomes 1.0 or more.

24. (Cancelled).

25. (Currently Amended) A vibrator according to Claim ~~24~~23, wherein a longitudinal length of the electrode section formed in said part of said grooved portion of said vibration arm section is approximately 45% to approximately 55% of a length of said vibration arm section.

26. (Previously Added) A vibrator according to Claim 23, wherein said electrode section further comprises an excitation electrode.

27. (Previously Added) A vibrator according to Claim 23, wherein:  
a fixation area for fixing the vibrating piece is provided in said base; and  
said cut section is provided in the base between the fixation area and said vibration arm section.

28. (Previously Added) A vibrator according to Claim 23, wherein said vibrating piece further comprises a tuning-fork vibrating piece formed by a crystal which oscillates at approximately 30 kHz to approximately 40 kHz.

29. (Previously Added) A vibrator according to Claim 23, wherein said package is formed in a box shape.

30. (Previously Added) A vibrator according to Claim 23, wherein said package is formed in a cylinder shape.

31. (Cancelled).

32. (Cancelled).

33. (New) A vibrating piece comprising:  
a base; and  
a vibration arm section formed so as to protrude from the base, a grooved portion being formed in at least one of an obverse surface and a rear surface of said vibration arm section;  
wherein a cut section is formed in said base,  
an electrode section is formed in a part of said grooved portion; and  
a longitudinal length of the electrode section formed in said part of said grooved portion of said vibration arm section is approximately 45% to approximately 55% of a length of said vibration arm section.

34. (New) A vibrator having a vibrating piece housed in a package, said vibrating piece comprising:  
a base; and  
a vibration arm section formed so as to protrude from the base, a grooved portion being formed in at least one of an obverse surface and a rear surface of said vibration arm section;  
wherein a cut section is formed in said base;  
an electrode section is formed in a part of said grooved portion; and

a longitudinal length of the electrode section formed in said part of said grooved portion of said vibration arm section is approximately 45% to approximately 55% of a length of said vibration arm section.